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**From:** Mary Cahalen <mbbythesea@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 9, 2025 6:48 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Resignation of Mayor Yvette Brooks

**Dear Capitola City Council,**

I am writing in regard to the recent resignation of Mayor Yvette Brooks. As I understand, the City Council has two options for filling the mayoral vacancy:

1. Calling a special election, which is estimated to cost the city approximately \$80,000.
2. Appointing a Capitola resident to serve for the remainder of the mayor's term.

Regarding the first option, I strongly believe that calling a special election would be an unnecessary and wasteful expenditure, particularly given the tightness of the city's budget and the fact that a general election was held just two months ago. It seems inefficient to incur such significant costs when the community has already recently participated in the electoral process.

For the second option, I would like to express my strong support for appointing Margaux Morgan (Kaiser) to fill the mayoral vacancy. Having served a term on the City Council, Margaux has a solid understanding of the issues facing our city and would serve the residents of Capitola well. She has already demonstrated her commitment to the community, particularly in helping during the storms and with the Wharf. Furthermore, as the third-highest vote recipient in the recent election, she has the backing of a broad segment of the community, making her a logical and appropriate choice.

Additionally, I would like to make it clear that I am *strongly opposed* to the reappointment of former Mayor Kristen Brown to the City Council. Having completed two consecutive terms, Kristen is ineligible to serve another term under the City's term limits. Appointing her would be in direct contradiction to the will of the voters, who established the term limit rule to ensure fresh perspectives and accountability on the Council.

In conclusion, I believe appointing Margaux Morgan is the best course of action for our community and would reflect the values of fiscal responsibility and respect for the electoral process.

If you have any questions or would like further input, I am happy to provide additional information.

Sincerely,  
Mary Beth Cahalen